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Coming Changes In CIA Long Overdue

Reports indicate that the President is about to replace Allen Dulles as director of the Central Intelligence Agency. We trust the report is quickly justified by the event, for of all the stupid appointments by the Eisenhower Administration the appointment of Allen Dulles to that position was exceeded in stupidity only by the appointment of his brother, the late and unlamented John Foster Dulles as Secretary of State.

Reports also indicate that there are about to be major changes in the procedures and duties of the CIA, and those, too, we hope will be swiftly shown as true.

The colossal failure of the CIA in the recent Cuban crisis was so great that it cannot justly be placed at the door of even such a man as Dulles. It was so much bigger than he was that he simply had to have help in bringing about such an abortion.

In fact, it was not even solely the product of Dulles and the men with whom he had surrounded himself. Much of its causation lies in the fact that the set-up of the Central Intelligence Agency was such that it formed a sort of super-secret police force with extraordinary powers that made it into a strange combination of Gestapo, OGPU and the Cardinal's Guard, of which Dumas wrote in his famous works about The Three Musketeers.

Any super-secret organization which can disburse scores of millions of the taxpayers' money without any accounting to all the members of the Congress, and which, furthermore, can use that money to foment an unofficial war with another country and in the course of it torture men and hold them under the threat of death without even the form of trial that is given in our regularly constituted military courts, is the sort of organization which cannot be of any good to the country.

Such an organization as that needs a radical reformation and one in which it will be seen to that the proper checks and balances of our government are allowed to act.

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